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To Whom It May Concern:

I, as a concerned parent, would like to make a few choice comments that I surely feel are shared by other responsible parents, as well.

My daughter was very anxious to participate in the Skate-A-Thon and devote some time to a good cause. She worked very hard to get pledges on her own.

We were under the impression that this was to be a fair and just activity to benefit the Caneer Society. At the skating rink there are other activities that the children can be occupied with and I feel that it was the responsibility of the Junior Woman's Club to have these machines cut off from access to the children if they were not to go near them.

My daughter was disqualified from the Skate-A-Thon because she was playing at the pinball machines along with numerous other children, who may I add were not disqualified. I know because I was there. She was ridiculed and embarrassed in front of many people and not to mention the hurt she personally felt.

Children should be dealt with on a children's level and not that of an adult. A child's life is entirely too short to have scares like this. When a child wants to give up time for a good cause and then is reprimanded in such a way I think it is very bad.

One last comment - as a mature adult, I can truly say there are some things a child never forgets!

Concerned,
Mr. and Mrs. James L. Clark

### UDC To Meet Today

The Appomattox Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will hold its regular monthly meeting at the Appomattox County Library today, Thursday, at 7:30 p.m.

All members are urged to attend.

### SUPERVISORS OKAY ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

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ment cuts the budget, they always cut the wrong things all the time.

Appomattox County has received $2,495.00 from 1978-79 anti-litter grants.

W. M. Caldwell, Jr., program coordinator, said the grant funds will be used to purchase and install 35 trash receptacles around the county complex and on school property. A litter cleanup will also be conducted.

### BETA SIGMA PHI CELEBRATES 48th ANNIVERSARY

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chairman of the Founder's Day activities. The toastmistress for the evening is Mrs. Knight of Appomattox. Other members taking part in the program are Bonnie Pankey, Vicki Lucado, Janice McCormick, Ann Wilcox, Elaine Hanley, all of Appomattox, and Ann Harris of Gladstone.

Mrs. Knight has been selected for the honor of presenting a special message from the sorority's president. She has received the message from the International Office in Kansas City, Missouri. Awards will be presented to local members and outstanding members will be recognized.

### Concord Young Homemakers Club

Concord Young Homemaker Club held its April meeting at the home of Mrs. Lewis Bryant.

Mrs. Evelyn Perrow and Ms. Charlotte Bryant, gave us high lights of the Area Executive Meeting they attended in Charlottesville, Virginia.

All club members will work with the Fireman Carnival on April 27th, 1979.

Mrs. Ruth Guthrie from Campbell County Library gave us a most interesting book review on the "Tax Fire Books."

We welcome our three new members who joined with us in April.

## N & W and Southern May Corporate Ownership

John P. Fishwick, president of Norfolk and Western Railway Company, and L. Stanley Crane, president of Southern Railway Company, announced today the initiation of joint studies to determine the feasibility and advisability of placing Norfolk and Western Railway Company and Southern Railway Company under common corporate ownership and control.

Southern, headquartered in Washington, D. C., is the parent and principal operating company of the Southern Railway System, which operates over 10,000 miles of railroad in 13 southeastern states, bounded by the Mississippi, Ohio, and Potomac rivers.

Norfolk and Western Railway Company, headquartered in Roanoke, Virginia, operates a system of 7,500 miles of railroad in 14 states and the province of Ontario, Canada, extending from Norfolk, Virginia, to Kansas City, Missouri, and Omaha, Nebraska, and reaching Chicago, Illinois, Detroit, Michigan, and Buffalo, New York. In addition, NW's 1,673 mile affiliate, Delaware and Hudson Railway Co., extends eastward from Buffalo.

Mr. Crane and Mr. Fishwick indicated they expect representatives of the two companies to meet in the near future to explore the feasibility of various approaches to bringing together under common control the organizations which they represent. They emphasized that the proposed studies are likely to continue for some time and may or may not result in a definitive agreement.

The first howercraft crossed the English Channel in 1959.



### The Bible And Daily Living

By Dr. William L. Trimyer

**CELEBRATE YOUR UNIQUENESS!**

Lesson for April 22, 1979
Background Scripture:
I Corinthians 12:1-28

**There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires us. To each person is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good of all.** (I Cor. 12:4-7)

**Who Has The Spirit?**

A "cold war" has raged within the church throughout history concerning the subject of "gifts." Paul confronted the Corinthian Christians and the fact that pagan influences were still causing some problems. He then launches into a discussion over the subject of gifts. It is Paul's firm belief that all gifts come from the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

A danger that sometimes lurks within the church is the subtle pressure on people to conform or copy a certain style of religious expression. Very often the church stifles rather than encourages the expression of one's uniqueness as a child of God. Too many people spend a lot of emotional energy trying to be a carbon copy of someone else.

There also exists the notion among some that possession of some gifts to the exclusion of othes means that one is not endowed with the "whole Spirit. Such a notion goes against Paul's understanding of spiritual gifts. His belief is that all gifts have their roots in a divine source!

**The Blending of Gifts**

No machine can efficiently function unless all of its parts are working together. No church can accomplish the many tasks of ministry unless its members function together, blending their gifts and uniqueness into a symphony of praise. Whenever we recognize and appreciate the differing gifts which God has given to His people, we will begin to see how a harmony of those gifts will crate a beautiful song!

The people of God always move forward when they are able to blend their gifts for the common good. The Corinthian Christians seemed to be involved in a power struggle and competition for different gifts, and Paul writes to refute their unnecessary quarreling. Paul listed nine gifts, using terms that were no doubt familiar to his readers but are subject to various interpretations today.

The important thing to remember is that each gift comes from God and no one gift is more important than another. In other words, there is no heirarchy in the gifts which God gives to His people. The ministry of the church does not rest on status but on service to God and humanity. No gift that serves others in the Name of Christ is insignificant. God uses both stars and candles to bring light into the world.

The is an important lesson to ponder today, that maybe the church would not be so divided along denominational barriers if Christians affirmed the gifts of God in one another. No minister can meet all the needs of his or her congregation. No one congregation can meet all the needs of the community. It requires the joint and cooperative efforts of every Christian to carry on the ministry of Christ.

**Many Gifts But One Body**

One of the most meaningful metaphors used in the New Testament to describe the church is Paul's pharase "the body of Christ." A unified church is one in which the members do not strive to compete against one another, but one in which each person and each gift serves the whole.

You are special! You are one of a kind! We each have differing gifts and abilities with which we can blend with others in service to God and our fellow human beings. To possess a certain gift and believe that that gift makes one superior over others is to deny the unity of "the body of Christ." Paul humorously draws his illustration from the human body. In a word he says, "Wouldn't it look funny to see a person with one little ear and one large ear?" His point is that we are all members of "the body of Christ" and that we are urged to contribute to the common good of all by the blending of our gifts into a harmonious whole.

(Dr. Trimyer is pastor of Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin City, Va.)

### Mt. Airy News

Easter Sunrise Service was held at Mt. Airy Baptist Church Sunday. Rev. Harper preached an inspiring sermon, "Christ Arose from the Dead, He is the Light of the World." Everyone enjoyed the sermon and were very much lifted up. The Home Senior Choir and Senior Choir from Galilee Baptist Church rendered beautiful music. Mrs. Alma Pryor was at the piano. We were happy to have Rev. R. Q. Lawing and his family and other visiting friends to share with us in our service. Rev. Lawing gave some good remarks which were very encouraging. The offering was lifted by visiting deacons, James Pannell, Robert Chambers and home deacons. The Sunday School program was Sunday at 3 p.m. Rev. Robert Wayne was in charge of this service. The Sunday School was in charge of the music with Veronica Humbles at the piano. Offering was lifted by visiting deacons and home deacons. Offering was very good. A prayer for the sick and shut in was given. We thank God for the recovery of Mrs. Annie Jones and Mrs. Dorothy Booker and for their return home. We miss them. Our prayers go out for all the sick and shut-in. "What good deed have I done for today. What kind thoughts and good works have I spoke of others."

Rosa Humbles

### CENTENARY CHURCH TO SPONSOR STEW

The Young Adult Class of Centenary United Methodist Church of Madisonville is having a stew on Saturday, April 21st, with serving time starting at 5 p.m.

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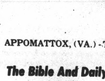

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## ROCKS

April 16 - It was a beautiful Easter Sunday. Though it was on the chilly side. April must have borrowed another day from March. Pastors Conference of the Appomattox Association was held at Rocks Monday.

Mrs. Erna Roach entered Lynchburg General Hospital on Tuesday for tests. She returned home on Friday.

A very nice crowd gathered at Old Rocks for the sunrise service at 6:30.

The Prayertime Circle will meet on Tuesday with Ophelia Martin at 1 p.m.

The group from our church that's going to Peacham will be leaving on Thursday at 4 a.m. They will be returning on Sunday night.

A large crowd attended the Tweed and Baldwin Wedding at Rocks on Sunday afternoon.

The Action Campaign Meeting will be at Calvary Church at 6:30 p.m. Pastors and Sunday School Directors are urged to be present on Thursday night.

Sympathy is extended Mrs. Rachel Richardson in the death of her father John Wesley Stanley of Appomattox last week.

A large crowd attended the Robert Lee Kress graveside service at the Price Family Cemetery on Wednesday. Sympathy is extended the loved ones.

Rev. A. M. Taylor officated the Baldwin and Coffin Wedding at her home in Pamplin a few weeks ago.

Sorry to hear Sarah Browning Taylor is back in the hospital again. She was put back in Sunday. May she have a very speedy recovery.

Work is progressing on the new home of Barry and Teresa Elder.

Sorry to hear Mrs. Mattie Elder had surgery on Tuesday night. May she have a speedy recovery.

Johnny Roach killed a big turkey Saturday.

## Youth Weekend, April 20-22 at New Hope Baptist

This coming weekend, April 20-22, a Youth Team from the Virginia Tech Baptist Student Union will come to lead in a series of activities and worship experiences with the youth of New Hope Church.

The Youth Team members are: Bob Howes, a senior electrical engineering major from Piscataway, New Jersey; Wayne Boblitt, a sophomore mechanical engineering major from Annandale, Virginia; Linda Day, a freshman biology major from Roanoke, Virginia; Doran Gilliam, a junior geology major from Virginia Beach, Virginia; and Theresa Riggins, a junior political science major from Chase City, Virginia.

The activities will begin on Friday night, April 20, at 6:30 p.m., with a Pizza Supper in the Church Fellowship Hall. Later on, the Youth Team will lead in a Creative Worship Service. The evening activities will conclude with skating at Skateworld from 9:30-12:00 midnight. On Saturday afternoon, April 21, at 4 p.m., everyone will join in for outdoor activities and games at the church. A cook-out will be held at 6 p.m., followed by a feature length color film, "Senior Year," with a discussion of the film afterwards.

On Sunday morning, April 22, the Youth of New Hope Church will teach in the Sunday School classes. The Youth Team from V.P.I. will lead the Sunday morning worship service, with the Youth of New Hope assisting.

The youth of the surrounding area are invited to come and participate in all of the activities with the Youth Team and the Youth of New Hope Church during the week end.

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